

Washington Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership

FACT SHEET – Colorectal Cancer Task Force

Universal Symbol
for Colorectal
Cancer



Comprehensive Cancer control ...

"An integrated and coordinated approach to reducing cancer incidence, morbidity, and mortality through prevention, early detection, treatment, rehabilitation, and palliation."

– Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

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The Washington Comprehensive Cancer Control Partnership is the group of diverse stakeholders who are working together to implement the *Washington State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan*. The plan serves as a framework to guide the efforts of the Partnership. The plan consists of a broad set of goals, objectives, and strategies for reducing the cancer burden in Washington.

Washington State Colorectal Cancer Task Force

The Washington State Colorectal Cancer Task Force is a plan implementation work group of the Partnership. The Task Force is working to achieve the *Washington State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan* goal and objectives for colorectal cancer:

Goal

Reduce mortality from colorectal cancer in Washington.

Objective 1

By 2008, increase to 60% the proportion of people aged 50 and older that have had colorectal cancer screening according to American Cancer society recommendations for fecal occult blood test and endoscopy.

Baseline: 53% (±3%). Data Source: BRFSS.

Objective 2

By 2008, increase the capacity of the health care system to perform high-quality colorectal cancer screening.

Baseline: To be established. Data Source: To be established

The Task Force will achieve its goal and objectives by:

- Conducting patient and provider assessments
- Utilizing data and research to develop interventions
- Implementing evidence-based solutions
- Using a coordinated and integrated approach

Membership

Membership is open to interested individuals and organizations.

Funding

The Task Force is funded through a federal grant to the Comprehensive Cancer Control Program at the Washington State Department of Health. The grant currently provides \$350,000 in funding per year through June 2007. Funding supports a project coordinator, other professional staff, and the implementation activities of the Task Force.

The burden of cancer can be reduced through effective prevention, early detection, and quality cancer care.